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LOK SABHA

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BASIC FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of basic facilities being provided in the schools in the country;

(b) whether the Government has received some complaints about the non-availability of basic facilities like drinking water, toilet and food in the schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?. ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) As per the 7th All India School Education Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) (with reference date 30.9.2002), basic facilities in schools, such as, type of school building, drinking water facilities, urinal/lavatory etc. are as under:

Type of schools	No. of schools	Type of building				Schools having drinking water facility	Urinals	Lavatory
		Pucca	Partly pucca	Kuchcha	Tents	Open space			
Primary	651,064	525,500	77,932	27,959	1,629	18,044	499,218	220,583	191,831
Upper primary	245,322	201,996	30,961	7,390	211	4,764	203,511	146,204	120,218
Secondary	90,741	76,598	10,499	3,090	156	398	82,327	74,095	60,410
Higher secondary	43,869	40,397	3,011	362	32	67	42,628	41,414	38,078

(b) to (d) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of State Governments. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the flagship programme of Government of India for universalisation of elementary education provides for a room for every grade/class or every teacher, which ever is lower in primary and upper primary stage, with the provision that there would be 2 classrooms with veranda in every primary school with at least 2 teachers and including Teaching Learning Equipments for new primary and upper primary schools. The scheme also provides for toilets and drinking water facilities in convergence with schemes of Ministry of Rural Development. Under SSA, 138550 primary school buildings, 72869 upper primary school buildings, 815517 additional classrooms, 188832 drinking water facilities and 244297 toilets have been provided to the elementary schools up to the year 2007.